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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shan, et al.

Art Unit: 1651

Application No.: 09/481,572

Examiner: Meller, M

Filed: January 11, 2000

Attorney Dkt. No.: P108061-9013

For: HYPERICIN AND HYPERICIN EXTRACT: SPECIFIC T-TYPE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 12, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated October 12, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please withdraw Claims 18-21 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of treating a health disorder treatable with a T-type calcium channel blocker in an animal in need of such treatment, comprising administering an effective amount of an active agent to said animal, wherein said active agent is ~~Hypericum perforatum~~ ^{consists of extract and is the only active agent present} a methanol or ethanol extract of *Hypericum*, an extract of a species of the *Hypericum* genus other than *Hypericum perforatum*, a *Hypericum* constituent, a hypericin derivative or a hypericin analog, with the proviso that when the